

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/901,188
§312 Amendment dated January 9, 2006
Reply to Notice of Allowance dated January 3, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

This §312 Amendment is being made after discussing this matter with Examiner Thangavelu on January 6, 2006. In that telephone conference, it was pointed out to the Examiner that in the Notice of Allowance/Allowability, the Examiner provided a listing of the Examiner's Amendments and also a clean copy of the allowed claims. However, it was also pointed out to the Examiner that the clean copy of the allowed claims as provided by the Examiner did not have the same language for claim 20 when compared to the Examiner's Amendments set forth in the Notice of Allowability. The Examiner understood this discrepancy and requested that the applicants file a §312 Amendment to ensure that the claims will be printed properly. Accordingly, this §312 Amendment sets forth all of the claims which incorporate the Examiner's Amendment as agreed to between the Examiner and the applicants. It is respectfully noted that claim 20 has been amended so that claim 20 reads as it should based on the agreed-upon Examiner's Amendment. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested since it corrects a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office error and ensures that the record is accurate.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

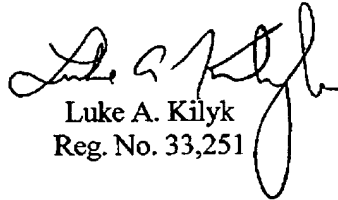
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C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should be charged to said

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